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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of : Harald ECKERT
Serial no. :
For : MACHINE TOOL GEAR MECHANISM
Docket : ZAHFRI P846US

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The Commissioner for Patents
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

Substitute Specification:

Accompanying this response, please find a clean form substitute specification, without markings thereon, along with a copy of the original specification which shows the additions and deletions to the original specification with each of the paragraphs of the original specification numbered. The substitute specification does not include any new subject matter and only includes the same changes which are indicated on the enclosed marked-up copy of the original specification. Please enter the substitute specification into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 11-18 as follows.